

Proposed Rule Making and Public Hearing on Form Changes, Memo 10/18/1999

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SUBJECT: Proposed Rule Making and Public Hearing on Form Changes

State law requires that both the candidate and political committee registration forms be amended with respect to the revised requirement regarding having the campaign books open for public inspection during the eight days before the election. Other form changes are recommended to clarify and augment information currently required.

A public hearing will be held October 28, 1999 to consider the recommended changes. A summary of the changes to be considered is provided below and each proposed form can be reviewed on the PDC web site at web.pdc.wa.gov at **Rule Making Activity**.

C-1 Candidate Registration

- Relocate telephone and fax numbers to upper right corner of form
- Add space for indicating e-mail address
- Regarding Item 6, add definition of "officer" of a candidate's committee
- In item 9, implement change in law concerning records open for inspection
- Regarding instructions contained on the reverse side of the form:
 - clarify which candidates are required to file campaign reports
 - revise the list of actions that result in an individual becoming a candidate
 - add definition of "officer"
 - add PDC's web site address

C-1pc Political Committee Registration

- Add space for committee telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address
- Regarding "Committee Status", add brief definition of continuing political committee
- In item 1:
 - reduce the number of choices to describe the committee's purpose to three
 - add language asking non-continuing committees to identify the candidates they are supporting or opposing or the party ticket they are supporting or opposing
- In item 3, re-word brief explanations of abbreviated and full reporting to recognize that one person may form a committee
- In item 6, add definition of "officer" of a political committee
- In item 8, implement change in law concerning records open for inspection
- In item 9, substitute the words "180 days" for "six months"

- Regarding instructions contained on the reverse side of the form:
 - clarify who must file as a political committee
 - add definition of “officer”
 - add PDC’s web site address

Loans – Schedule L (to C-3 or C-4 Report)

- Add “report Date” in upper right corner
- In item 1:
 - add reference to monetary or in-kind loan
 - add space for identifying occupation and employer information
 - specify that the amount an endorser or co-signer is liable for is the amount of the entire loan
- In item 2, remove reference to \$3,000 and substitute reference to the rule that periodically adjusts this amount for inflation
- Regarding instructions on the reverse side of the form, add information about what section of the form is to be completed when an in-kind loan is received.

Auction Report – Attachment Au (to the C-3 Report)

- Add space to each contributor and buyer block so that occupation and employer information can be supplied directly on the form

Permanent rules become effective 31 days after filing the rule making order with the Code Reviser. Therefore, should the Commission determine at the conclusion of the public hearing that the forms merit amendment, the revised forms could be effective in December, 1999.

If you wish to provide comments on these form changes please contact Doug Ellis at (360) 753-1111, Public Disclosure Commission, P.O. Box 40908, Olympia, WA 98504 or by e-mail at dellis@pdc.wa.gov.

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